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## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,6-9,30,32,34 and 51-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,6-9,30,32,34,51-68 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05/09.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION*****Response to Amendment***

This office action is in response to amendment filed on 05/09/05. Applicant added Claims 51-68, cancelled Claims 2-5, 10-29, 31, 33, and 35-50, and amended Claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 30, 32, and 34. The amendment filed on 05/09/08 have been entered and made of record. Therefore, presently pending claims are 1, 6-9, 30, 32, 34, and 51-68.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 05/09/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because of following reasons.

Applicant argued Guthery does not teach a microprocessor having a microprocessor identity that uniquely identifies the microprocessor. The applicant does note that Guthery teaches storing a card ID within one of the certificates stored within the card. However, the card ID merely identifies that card and does not provide any information that would uniquely identify the microprocessor residing in the card. This is not found persuasive. Guthery discloses a card ID (column 7 lines 1-5) which poses as the microprocessor identity due to the fact that the card ID belongs to the card; and therefore everything on the card and the card only has one microprocessor (Fig. 2). It follows that the ID identifies the contents of the card and therefore identifies the microprocessor. Even if the card ID is not a microprocessor identity, Paolini discloses a method and apparatus is disclosed for preventing an unauthorized computer system from using copied software of data (abstract). The system uses a CPU ID (microprocessor ID) of a particular computer system (column 3 lines 1-5).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

**Claims 53, 55, 60, 63, 65, and 68** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Although the specification discloses binding the specification does not discloses binding the digital data to the microprocessor identity electrically (emphasis added).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**Claims 1, 6-9, 30, 32, and 51-63** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guthery (6,567,915) in view of Paolini et al (6,847,948 B1).

*In reference to claim 1*, Guthery discloses an integrated circuit device with various methods for authenticating identities and authorizing transactions based on the authenticated identities (abstract). Guthery discloses a system that comprises a microprocessor (Fig. 2 part 52). Guthery further disclose a system that comprises digital identity data wherein the digital

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identity data is associated with a user of the digital identity device; a memory configured to store at least the digital identity data (column 5 lines 7-15; column 6 lines 44-50; column 7 lines 13-21; Fig 2 part 58). The applicant does not define identity data bound to the microprocessor identity; therefore the digital data of Guthery and the microprocessor identity are bound by the virtue of them being on the same card.

Guthery discloses a card ID (column 7 lines 1-5) which poses as the microprocessor identity due to the fact that the card ID belongs to the card; and therefore everything on the card and the card only has one microprocessor (Fig. 2). It follows that the ID identifies the contents of the card and therefore identifies the microprocessor. Even if the card ID is not a microprocessor identity, Paolini discloses a method and apparatus is disclosed for preventing an unauthorized computer system from using copied software of data (abstract). The system uses a CPU ID (microprocessor ID) of a particular computer system (column 3 lines 1-5).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use a microprocessor ID in the smart card of Paolini in the system of Guthery. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the ID is a unique quantity that can be used to prevent the use of copied software.

*In reference to claims 6, 54, and 59*, wherein the digital identity is for one of the group consisting of an individual and a corporation; and wherein the digital identity at least one selected from the group consisting of a name, a digital picture, an address, a date of birth, a social security number, a driver's license number, a digital photograph, biometric information, credit card information, bank account information, an incorporation name, a date and place of

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incorporation, a name of a corporate officer, a corporate partner, and a database administrator name (bank information, column 7 lines 45-47; and column 6 lines 47).

*In reference to claim 7*, wherein the digital identity data is bound to the microprocessor identity using software within the digital identity device (Fig. 2 part 62 and 64 and column 5 lines 25-67).

*In reference to claim 8*, wherein the digital identity device further comprises a computer an interface configured to enable the digital identity device to communicate with an external device (column 4 lines 30-45).

*In reference to claim 9*, wherein the interface comprises an input/output port (column 5 lines 25-45).

*In reference to claim 30*, the method of identifying an origin of an electronic communication comprising tagging the electronic communication to obtain a tagged communication wherein the origin comprises a digital identity device comprising digital identity data associated with the origin and determining the origin of the electronic communication using the tagged communication (public and private key and certificate showing the owner column 6 lines 62-67) wherein tagging the electronic communication comprises encrypting the electronic communication using the digital identity data and an encryption algorithm to obtain the tagged communication (column 7 lines 1-5).

Guthery discloses a card ID (column 7 lines 1-5) which poses as the microprocessor identity due to the fact that the card ID belongs to the card; and therefore everything on the card and the card only has one microprocessor (Fig. 2). It follows that the ID identifies the contents of the card and therefore identifies the microprocessor. Even if the card ID is not a

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microprocessor identity, Paolini discloses a method and apparatus is disclosed for preventing an unauthorized computer system from using copied software of data (abstract). The system uses a CPU ID (microprocessor ID) of a particular computer system (column 3 lines 1-5).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use a microprocessor ID in the smart card of Paolini in the system of Guthery. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the ID is a unique quantity that can be used to prevent the use of copied software.

*In reference to claim 32*, The applicant does not define “binding digital identity data,” as a result the definition of “binding the digital identity data” is constraining the microprocessor identity device to the digital identity data with legal authority. The system of Guthery discloses the private storage containing certificates that contain a card ID and a signature of a certifying authority (column 6 lines 62 to column 7 line 5) therefore binding digital identity data associated with the property to a card ID of a microprocessor operatively connected to the property.

Guthery further discloses verifying the identity of the property by querying the microprocessor wherein the digital identity data is bound to the card ID. The card exchanges the certificate which contains the card ID with the transaction terminal and the identities of the authenticated user (column 7 lines 40-50).

Guthery discloses a card ID (column 7 lines 1-5) which possesses as the microprocessor identity due to the fact that the card ID belongs to the card; and therefore everything on the card and the card only has one microprocessor (Fig. 2). It follows that the ID identifies the contents of the card and therefore identifies the microprocessor. Even if the card ID is not a microprocessor identity, Paolini discloses a method and apparatus is disclosed for preventing an

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unauthorized computer system form using copied software of data (abstract). The system uses a CPU ID (microprocessor ID) of a particular computer system (column 3 lines 1-5).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use a microprocessor ID in the smart card of Paolini in the system of Guthery. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the ID is a unique quantity that can be used to prevent the use of copied software.

*In reference to claims 51 and 61*, wherein the software within the digital identity device comprises operating software (Fig. 2 part 56).

*In reference to claims 52, 56-57, and 62*, wherein the operating software comprises a secure operating system (Fig. 2 part 56).

*In reference to claims 53, 55, 58, 60, and 63*, wherein the digital identity data is electrically bound to the microprocessor identity.

Guthery discloses a card ID (column 7 lines 1-5) which poses as the microprocessor identity due to the fact that the card ID belongs to the card; and therefore everything on the card and the card only has one microprocessor (Fig. 2). It follows that the ID identifies the contents of the card and therefore identifies the microprocessor. Even if the card ID is not a microprocessor identity, Paolini discloses a method and apparatus is disclosed for preventing an unauthorized computer system form using copied software of data (abstract). The system uses a CPU ID (microprocessor ID) of a particular computer system (column 3 lines 1-5).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use a microprocessor ID in the smart card of Paolini in the system of Guthery.



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One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the ID is a unique quantity that can be used to prevent the use of copied software.

**Claims 34 and 64-68** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guthery in view of Yap et al (6,111,506).

*In reference to claim 34*, Guthery discloses a computer having a microprocessor containing identity information (column 5 lines 25-40 in combination with column 6 line 49 to column 7 line 5). The system includes obtaining digital identity data from a digital identity device operatively connected to a computer in which the electronic document is stored (Fig. 1). Guthery discloses a system that comprises a microprocessor (Fig. 2 part 52). Guthery further disclose a system that comprises digital identity data wherein the digital identity data is associated with a user of the digital identity device; a memory configured to store at least the digital identity data (column 5 lines 7-15; column 6 lines 44-50; column 7 lines 13-21; Fig 2 part 58). The applicant does not define indentity data bound to the microprocessor identity; therefore the digital data of Guthery and the microprocessor identity are bound by the virtue of them being on the same card.

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unauthorized computer system from using copied software of data (abstract). The system uses a CPU ID (microprocessor ID) of a particular computer system (column 3 lines 1-5).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use a microprocessor ID in the smart card of Paolini in the system of Guthery. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the ID is a unique quantity that can be used to prevent the use of copied software.

Although Guthery discloses storing information such as licenses and therefore documents (column 6 lines 45-50) and the system has passwords (column 6 lines 62-67) and a program for encryption (column 6 lines 25-30), Guthery does not disclose encrypting the documents

Yap discloses storing documents on the smart card. The documents are encrypted.

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to encrypt the documents as in Yap with the digital identity data of Guthery and storing the documents on the smart card as in Guthery. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because it would discourage forgery.

*In reference to claim 64*, wherein the digital identity is for one of the group consisting of an individual and a corporation; and wherein the digital identity at least one selected from the group consisting of a name, a digital picture, an address, a date of birth, a social security number, a driver's license number, a digital photograph, biometric information, credit card information, bank account information, an incorporation name, a date and place of incorporation, a name of a corporate officer, a corporate partner, and a database administrator name (bank information, column 7 lines 45-47; and column 6 lines 47).

*In reference to claims 65 and 68*, wherein the digital identity data is electrically bound to the microprocessor identity.

Guthery discloses a card ID (column 7 lines 1-5) which possesses as the microprocessor identity due to the fact that the card ID belongs to the card; and therefore everything on the card and the card only has one microprocessor (Fig. 2). It follows that the ID identifies the contents of the card and therefore identifies the microprocessor. Even if the card ID is not a microprocessor identity, Paolini discloses a method and apparatus is disclosed for preventing an unauthorized computer system from using copied software of data (abstract). The system uses a CPU ID (microprocessor ID) of a particular computer system (column 3 lines 1-5).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use a microprocessor ID in the smart card of Paolini in the system of Guthery. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the ID is a unique quantity that can be used to prevent the use of copied software.

*In reference to claim 66*, wherein the software within the digital identity device comprises operating software (Fig. 2 part 56).

*In reference to claims 67*, wherein the operating software comprises a secure operating system (Fig. 2 part 56).

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paula W. Klimach whose telephone number is (571) 272-38544. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Thr 9:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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